

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 A61K31/13 A61K45/06 A61P25/18 A61P25/22 A61P25/24

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 A61K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, BIOSIS, WPI Data, PAJ, EMBASE, CHEM ABS Data, SCISEARCH, CANCERLIT, PASCAL

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
P,X	<p>CALDARONE B J ET AL: "High-affinity nicotinic acetylcholine receptors are required for antidepressant effects of amitriptyline on behavior and hippocampal cell proliferation"</p> <p>BIOLOGICAL PSYCHIATRY, ELSEVIER SCIENCE, NEW YORK, NY, US, vol. 56, no. 9, 1 November 2004 (2004-11-01), pages 657-664, XP004619798</p> <p>ISSN: 0006-3223</p> <p>page 659, column 2, paragraph 2 - paragraph 3</p> <p>page 661 - 663, chapter "Discussion"</p> <p>-----</p> <p>-/--</p>	1-23



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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Y	page 6, line 6 - line 17 page 7, line 1 - line 4 page 9, line 9 - line 23 page 12, line 3 - line 15 page 13, line 3 - line 19 page 14, line 8 - page 15, line 26 Examples -----	8,13,16, 22,23
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Y	page 18, line 15 - line 21 -----	8-24
X	POPIK PIOTR ET AL: "Nicotine and nicotinic receptor antagonists potentiate the antidepressant-like effects of imipramine and citalopram." BRITISH JOURNAL OF PHARMACOLOGY, vol. 139, no. 6, July 2003 (2003-07), pages 1196-1202, XP002328177 ISSN: 0007-1188	1-7
Y	page 1199, column 1, paragraph 2 - paragraph 3 page 1200, chapter "Discussion" -----	8-24

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 1-8
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 1-8 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

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